GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1836
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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF RTI ACT 2005
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received proposals from various States seeking financial assistance for implementing the Right to Information Act, 2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken thereon;

(c) the financial assistance proposed to be allocated for implementing RTI Act during the next financial year 2008-09 along with the funds earmarked for publicity of the same; and

(d) the details of the expenditure incurred particularly in tribal dominated States for publicity of RTI Act during the last two years, till date?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS.(SHRI SURESH PACHOURI)

(a) to (c) : Some State Governments such as Governments of Chattisgarh, Gujarat, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh. Mizoram, Tripura and Uttarakhand had sought Central assistance for implementation of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The Parliament has, by law, cast an obligation on the State Governments to implement the Act. The State Governments are required to meet the statutory obligation out of their own funds.

(d) : The information is not centrally maintained.